

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,  
peace and plenty crown your days!  
Love his laws, declare his judgements,  
walk in all his words and ways;  
he the Lord and we his children,  
praise the Lord, all people, praise!

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## St. Matthew's Church Addis Ababa

Trinity 9  
20 July 2008

*We extend a warm welcome to everyone  
joining us for worship today*

### NOTICES

**Story Time:** We have reached the last part of the story of Gideon. Next week we will have a new story.

**Derby High School:** Today we say thank you and goodbye to the team from Derby High School. The two weeks of workshops for the Library students have gone very well. We are so grateful for their generous gifts of time, talents and money for the Library, the Breakfast Club and other projects. We wish them a safe journey back to England on Tuesday.

**Lambeth Conference:** Please continue to pray for the Bishops of the worldwide Anglican Communion, gathering in Canterbury, England, for the Lambeth Conference, 16 July – 4 August. In particular, pray for Archbishop Rowan Williams (chairman) and Bishop Mouneer and Bishop Andrew.

#### Lambeth Prayer:

Pour down upon us, O God, the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that those who attend the Lambeth Conference may be filled with wisdom and understanding.

May they know at work within them that creative energy and vision which belong to our humanity, made in your image and redeemed by your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Christian Books in Amharic:** Hazel Maunsell will be taking orders for books after the service.

**Mid-week Service:** There will be a service of Holy Communion on Wednesday at 5.30pm.

#### Services next Sunday, 27 July 2008

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.15am Sung Eucharist  
12.30pm Sudanese Congregation

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#### Opening Hymn:

**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,**  
Saviour, Master, King,  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing::

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:

*Yours the glory . . .*

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:

*Yours the glory . . .*

Priestly King, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:

*Yours the glory . . .*

So our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:

*Yours the glory . . .*

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#### Collect:

**Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### Gideon, the Reluctant Hero – Episode 4

#### Song

**Be bold, be strong,**  
for the Lord your God is with you;  
be bold, be strong,  
for the Lord your God is with you!

I am not afraid,

I am not dismayed,

because I'm walking in faith and victory:  
come on and walk in faith and victory,  
for the Lord your God is with you!

**NT Reading:** Romans 8:12-25 (p800)

**Gradual Hymn:**

**Timeless love! We sing the story,**  
praise his wonders, tell his worth;  
love more fair than heaven's glory,  
love more firm than ancient earth!  
Tell his faithfulness abroad:  
who is like him? Praise the Lord!

By his faithfulness surrounded,  
north and south his hand proclaim;  
earth and heaven formed and founded,  
skies and seas declare his Name!  
Wind and storm obey his word:  
who is like him? Praise the Lord!

Truth and righteousness enthrone him,  
just and equal are his ways;  
more than happy, those who own him,  
more than joy, their songs of praise!  
Sun and Shield and great Reward:  
who is like him? Praise the Lord!

*Words from Psalm 89 © 1970 Timothy Dudley-Smith*

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 13:24-30,36-43 (p691)

**Offertory Hymn:**

**Soldiers of Christ, arise,**  
and put your armour on,  
strong in the strength which God supplies,  
through his eternal Son;

Strong in the Lord of Hosts,  
and in his mighty power:  
who in the strength of Jesus trusts  
is more than conqueror.

Stand then in his great might,  
with all his strength endued;  
and take, to arm you for the fight,  
the weapons of our God.

From strength to strength go on,  
wrestle and fight and pray;  
tread all the powers of darkness down,  
and win the well-fought day;

Till, having all things done,  
and all your conflicts past,  
you overcome, through Christ alone,  
and stand complete at last.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

**Songs during Communion:**

**Worthy, O worthy are you Lord,**  
worthy to be thanked and praised  
and worshipped and adored;  
worthy, O worthy are you Lord,  
worthy to be thanked and praised  
and worshipped and adored.

Singing alleluia, Lamb upon the throne,  
we worship and adore you,  
make your glory known.  
Alleluia, glory to the King:  
you're more than a conqueror,  
you're Lord of everything!

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**Jesus, you are changing me,**  
by your Spirit you're making me like you;  
Jesus, you're transforming me,  
that your loveliness may be seen in all I do.

You are the potter and I am the clay;  
help me to be willing to let you have your way;  
Jesus, you are changing me  
as I let you reign supreme within my heart.

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**When I feel the touch**

of your hand upon my life,  
it causes me to sing a song,  
that I love you, Lord.  
So from deep within  
my spirit sings out unto you,  
you are my King,  
you are my God,  
and I love you Lord.

*Keri Jones & Dave Matthews  
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**Faithful One, so unchanging;**

Ageless One, you're my rock of peace.  
Lord of all, I depend on you,  
I call out to you, again and again,  
I call out to you, again and again.  
You are my rock in times of trouble,  
You lift me up when I fall down;  
all through the storm, your love is the anchor;  
my hope is in you alone.

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**Final Hymn:**

**Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,**  
sing and praise your God and mine!  
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,  
might and majesty divine!  
He who framed the starry heavens  
knows and names them as they shine.

Praise the Lord, his people praise him!  
Wounded souls his comfort know.  
Those who fear him find his mercies,  
peace for pain and joy for woe;  
humble hearts are high exalted,  
human pride and pow'r laid low.

Praise the Lord for times and seasons,  
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;  
spring to melt the snows of winter  
till the waters flow again;  
grass upon the mountain pastures,  
golden valleys thick with grain.